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# OHIO

## WEEKLY CROP - PROGRESS SUMMARY

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### OHIO CROP-WEATHER HIGHLIGHTS

The average temperature for the state was 60.2 degrees, 12.1 degrees above normal for the week ending Sunday, April 15. Precipitation averaged 1.31 inches, 0.61 inches above normal. The West Central and Central districts both received over 2 inches of rainfall this past week. Growing degree days were 49 points above normal.

Reporters rated 1.8 days suitable for fieldwork during the seven day period ending Friday, April 13. This is 0.3 days more than last year and 0.7 days less than the 1996-00 average. Topsoil moisture was rated 0 percent very short, 2 percent short, 48 percent adequate, and 50 percent surplus.

Days Suitable

	Current week	Previous week	Since 1 <sup>st</sup> week of April
2001	1.8	5.0	10.8
2000	1.5	2.3	7.0
1996-2000	2.5	3.7	9.7

Topsoil Moisture

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Current Week	0	2	48	50
Last Week	2	23	68	7
Same Week Last Year	1	6	73	20
1996-2000 Average	1	4	61	34

### FIELD ACTIVITIES AND CROP PROGRESS WEEK ENDING SUNDAY APRIL 15

Reporters estimated that **Winter Wheat** is 13 percent jointed, this is 11 days behind last year and 3 days behind the 1996-00 average. Forty- five percent of the **Oat** crop has been planted. This is 3 days behind last year and 1 day

behind of the five year average. Respondents estimate that 18 percent of oats have emerged. This is 3 days behind last year and 2 days ahead of the 1996-00 average. **Tobacco** growers have 68 percent of their tobacco beds seeded, this is the same as last year's percent of tobacco beds seeded. Thirty-six percent of tobacco beds have visible growth. Respondents estimate that three percent of the **Corn** crop is planted, this is three days ahead of last year and on schedule with the 1996-00 average. Approximately 7 percent of the **Potato** crop has been planted. This is 8 days behind last year, and four days behind the five year average.

**Apples** are 59 percent in green tip, compared to 75 percent in green tip last year. **Peaches** are 56 percent in green tip and 13 percent in full bloom, compared to 72 percent and 44% in 2000.

Activities throughout the state include applying fertilizer, nitrogen to corn, and anhydrous ammonia to fields; plowing chiseling, discing, pruning and spraying fruit trees, hauling manure and grain, wheat topdressing, spring tillage work, equipment maintenance and preparation, sowing oats and alfalfa seedings, seeding CRP filter strips, planting grasses, legumes, Christmas trees, tomato, cabbage, and green beans.

### CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITIONS

Reporters rated 74 percent of the winter wheat crop in good to excellent condition. Pasture conditions were rated 71 percent in good to excellent condition. Some reporters mentioned that pastures are starting to green up nicely, but the storms from the past week have made some fields start to flood and have water standing in low areas.

Livestock producers reported good to excellent conditions. Lambing and calving are going very well. Producers are stating that the livestock is doing well because of the warm winter and plentiful hay supplies.

PERCENT PROGRESS OF CROPS FOR THE WEEK ENDING SUNDAY APRIL 15

Crop	2001	2000	1996-00 Average	Previous Week	
				Ohio	U.S.
Corn planted	3	2	3	1	2
Oats planted	45	51	46	37	3
Oats emerged	18	24	15	2	NA
Potatoes planted	7	11	11	6	NA
Soybeans planted	1	NA	NA	NA	NA
Sugarbeets planted	8	9	NA	2	7
Tobacco beds seeded	68	68	NA	51	NA
Tobacco beds having plants up	36	25	NA	28	NA
Winter wheat jointed	13	34	16	4	NA

PERCENT CONDITION OF MAJOR CROPS FOR THE WEEK ENDING SUNDAY APRIL 15

PASTURE	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	0	4	25	56	15
Previous Week	2	6	39	47	6
Previous Year	2	8	30	47	13
WINTER WHEAT					
Current Week	1	4	21	57	17
Previous Week	1	3	24	62	10
Previous Year	0	1	14	51	34
APPLES					
Current Week	0	1	20	68	11
Previous Week	0	2	24	63	11
Previous Year	4	5	19	61	11
PEACHES					
Current Week	0	1	24	63	12
Previous Week	0	2	28	61	9
Previous Year	5	12	21	52	10
HAY					
Current Week	0	3	24	60	13
Previous Week	0	4	39	51	6
Previous Year	1	8	28	50	13

WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING SUNDAY APRIL 15

	Temperature		Precipitation				Growing Degree Days <sup>1/</sup>			
Region	Last Week	Dev.	Last Week	Dev.	Since Apr.1	Dev.	Last Week	Dev.	Since Apr.1	Dev.
Northwest	54.5	7.8	0.78	0.14	2.21	0.65	56	23	119	60
North Central	56.3	9.8	0.65	-0.01	2.15	0.58	66	34	128	71
Northeast	55.2	9.4	0.51	-0.14	1.86	0.16	62	30	121	63
West Central	60.6	12.7	2.01	1.31	2.60	0.82	89	52	168	98
Central	62.2	13.5	2.05	1.34	2.57	0.78	99	58	177	99
Central Hills	58.8	11.9	1.19	0.49	2.38	0.61	79	44	148	82
Northeast Hills	59.1	11.7	0.96	0.25	2.25	0.48	80	42	149	77
Southwest	64.0	14.0	1.74	1.01	2.25	0.34	110	65	194	107
South Central	65.6	14.9	0.97	0.27	1.61	-0.17	123	71	203	101
Southeast	63.3	14.2	1.71	1.00	2.43	0.59	107	61	181	93
STATE	60.2	12.1	1.31	0.61	2.24	0.49	89	49	161	86

1/ Modified Growing degree days, base 50 - ceiling 86.

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